

# Old Town News ~ September 2008



## Look at what's happening in Historic Old Town!

### Arts Council Awards Small Grants

The Arts Council of York County has awarded small grants to Terry Roueche and Zan Maddox. Roueche, local photographer and playwright, received \$1,000 to enhance performance space by purchasing a dimmer board, chairs, and theatrical lighting units. Maddox, local artist, received \$1,000 to create promotional materials for Gallery Up's frame shop and art galleries.

The Arts Council awards small grants on a quarterly basis, up to \$18,000 per year. Non-profit organizations, individual artists, schools, and teachers throughout York County can apply for up to \$1,000 per grant, though recipients can receive no more than two grants each year. These small grants are intended to support specific art-related activities that promote artists' professional development; and/or to support quality arts programs and projects that promote excellence in an arts discipline and, in turn, that make such programs and projects available to the general public.

For additional information or to obtain a small grant application, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: [www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

### East Town Neighborhood Receives Custom Street Signs

Old Town's East Town neighborhood has recently received new custom street signs. These signs were made possible through the collaborative efforts of the City of Rock Hill's Neighborhood Empowerment Division and Public Works Department, as well as the East Town Neighborhood Association.

All street signs from White to Black Streets and from Jones Avenue to Elizabeth Lane have been replaced with the new signs. The design of these signs meets both City requirements for use in a historic area and South Carolina Department of Transportation regulations. East Town identifies itself as Rock Hill's first neighborhood. These signs are an effort to distinguish the neighborhood as a historical district. For more information about East Town, visit the website: [www.historiceasttown.com](http://www.historiceasttown.com)

## \*SEPTEMBER EVENTS\*

### Main Street Live

On **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 9:30pm**, Main Street Live will be held on Main Street. This fun street party is complete with food vendors, live bands, and a children's activity area. Photo identification is required to purchase an adult beverage wristband. Main Street Live is sponsored by the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit the website: [www.yorkcountychamber.com](http://www.yorkcountychamber.com)

### Thursday Concert Series



For the month of September, the Rock Hill Parks Foundation has been identified as a "Friend of Earth Fare." As such, Earth Fare will be holding a number of events to support and promote the Parks Foundation. One of these events is a Thursday Concert Series.

**Every Thursday in September from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**, Earth Fare will feature live musical entertainment. Unique gifts - including art, pottery, wine bottle cheese trays, glass bottle spoon holders, Merry Prankster cookbooks, t-shirts, and coffee mugs - will be available for purchase on these evenings as well. Glencairn Garden note card sets, postcards, and memberships will also be available. Scheduled entertainment and events are as follows:

- **September 4<sup>th</sup>**: Music by David Holtzclaw. Pottery demonstration by Dianna Bessett. Happy hour with beer and wine tastings in Earth Fare's specialty department.
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>**: Music by Alan Barrington. 'Meet the Artists', featuring Fewell Park art instructors, whose work will be on display in Earth Fare's café.
- **September 18<sup>th</sup>**: Music by Steve Simpson. Pottery hand building demonstration by Tracy Parham. Happy hour with beer and wine tastings in Earth Fare's specialty department.
- **September 25<sup>th</sup>**: Music by Frank Stewart. 'Meet the Artists', featuring Fewell Park art instructors, whose work will be on display in Earth Fare's café.

Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.



### First Fridays in the Garden

The Rock Hill Parks, Recreation, and Tourism department has partnered with Clemson Extension Service to offer First Fridays in the Garden. On the first Friday of each month, **from 10:00am to 11:00am**, free classes will be conducted at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center, which is located at 825 Edgemont Avenue, by the York County Master Gardener Association. The topic will be different each month.

This month, class will be held on **Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. The topic for this class is Introduction to Container Gardens. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at (803) 684-9919 ext. 112.

## Ray and John Clemmer Photography Exhibition

The Ray and John Clemmer Photography Exhibition will be on display at City Hall in the Rotunda Gallery from **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: [www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

## Tuesday Membership Drives and Activities: Support for Glencairn Garden

On three Tuesdays this month, **from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**, Glencairn Garden memberships and souvenirs will be on sale at Earth Fare. Special activities are scheduled for these Tuesday evenings as well. The schedule is as follows:



- **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>:** 'Home Made', with Peggy Barber and Joann Flippins demonstrating how to make seasoning salt and vinegar-and-herb seasoning bottles with fresh garden ingredients.
- **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:** Live music by Ansel Couch. 'Home Made', with Peggy Barber and Joann Flippins demonstrating how to make homemade soap, bath salts, and lotions.
- **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 'Touch a Truck', where children can check out the City's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism vehicles up close. Vehicles will include an electric cart, an electric scissor lift, and an infield drag machine. 'Home Made', with Peggy Barber and Joann Flippins holding a sewing demonstration.

Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition continues this month. More than 200 entries were received from local, regional, and national artists for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Competition. Twenty-two of them, in a wide variety of mediums, were selected to be featured in the exhibition. They will remain on display in the Dalton Gallery from **now through Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. The Dalton Gallery is in the Center for the Arts, which is located at 121 E. Main Street. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: [www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

## Live at the OTA



On **Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 11:00pm**, three bands will be performing in the Old Town Amphitheater, which is located at City Hall on Black Street. Side Projects will open the show at 7:00pm, followed by Neighbors Acres and headliners The Heavy Sandwich. Admission is only \$5 per person. Concessions, including beer and wine, will be available for an additional charge.

## Peter Lenzo Pottery Workshop

As part of the Arts Council of York County's 2008 Workshop Series, Peter Lenzo will be conducting a pottery workshop at the Rock Hill Pottery Center on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 5:00pm**. Lenzo is an internationally-known potter whose work is on display in the Mint Museum, as well as in the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery. During this workshop, Lenzo will demonstrate the inside out face jug method, is interpreted in a personal and contemporary context, incorporating found objects.

The registration deadline for this pottery workshop is **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, and the cost is \$50 per person. The Rock Hill Pottery Center is located at 201 E. Main Street. For more information or to register for this workshop, contact the Pottery Center at (803) 980-3888 or the Arts Council at (803) 328-2787.



## Burger for a Buck, Cooking Classes, and More: A Benefit for the Dalton Help Foundation

On **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, a number of events will be held at Earth Fare, which is located at 725 Cherry Road, to help raise awareness about autism. At **10:00am and 2:00pm**, gluten-free cooking classes will be offered. Although there is no charge for these classes, space is limited, so please sign up in advance at Earth Fare's customer service desk. Following the second class, at **3:00pm**, a free supplement/enzyme lecture will be held.

Gluten-free product demonstrations and tastings will take place throughout the store, along with a bake sale with gluten-free cookies and the opportunity to make gluten-free play dough. A booth will provide information about autism to anyone interested. At this booth, participants can also register for the Walk Now for Autism walk, which will be held at Lowe's Motor Speedway on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Burger for a Buck will begin at **11:30am** and will last until all of the burgers are gone. They will be on sale for only \$1 apiece, or \$3 for a plate that includes chips and a drink. During this event, firefighters from one of the Rock Hill Fire Department stations will be visiting with one of their fire engines, and gymnasts from Champions Gymnastics Training Center of Rock Hill will be interacting with the kids.

This event will benefit the Dalton Help Foundation, which helps raise awareness about autism. Proceeds from this event, through the Dalton Help Foundation, will provide assistance to two local families who have children with autism. For more information, visit the website: [www.daltonhelpfoundation.org](http://www.daltonhelpfoundation.org)

## Art After Hours Kick-Off Party



On **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00pm**, an Art After Hours Kick-Off Party will be held at the Gettys Center Loading Dock. The party will feature the music of Young Tom Fury and Fernandina. Admission is free. The Gettys Center Loading Dock is located at 201 E. Main Street. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787.

## Yoga Mala 2008

On **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm**, Yoga Mala 2008 will be held at the Rock Hill Cotton Factory, which is located at 300 Chatham Avenue. This event, sponsored by the Rock Hill Yoga Center, is part of the Global Mala Project, in honor of the UN's International Day of Peace. The Global Mala Project raises awareness and funds for a number of noble causes, including local seva (service/action/fundraising) projects.

Rock Hill's Yoga Mala 2008 will raise funds for Christians Feed the Hungry Ministries. To register for this event or to obtain more detailed information, contact the Rock Hill Yoga Center at (803) 327-7995 or visit the website: [www.therockhillyogacenter.com](http://www.therockhillyogacenter.com)



### Theatrical Performance: "Jerry Finnegan's Sister"

On **Friday and Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**, the Rock Hill Community Theatre will present "Jerry Finnegan's Sister" in the Old Town Amphitheater. Tickets to this romantic comedy performance, directed by Stephanie Daniels, are only \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children/seniors. For more information, visit the Rock Hill Community Theatre website: [www.rockhilltheatre.org](http://www.rockhilltheatre.org)

### Pig Roast and Family Fun: A Benefit for the Rock Hill Parks Foundation

On **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00am**, several family-oriented activities will be held at Earth Fare, which is located at 725 Cherry Road. Activities include scavenger hunts, butterfly crafts, geocaching, story time, an art show, and mascot appearances. There will also be a sports area with an obstacle course, a soccer goal kick, and disc golf.

Enjoy live entertainment with music by John Clayton Croom, Collin Meachem, and Andy Simmons from **10:30am to 11:15am**; and by PJ Brunson from **11:30am to 1:00pm**. The pig roast will begin at **11:30am** and will be served until it is gone. Barbeque plates - including pork, a side dish, and a drink - will be \$5 apiece.

This event will benefit the Rock Hill Parks Foundation, which enhances the quality of life through parks, recreation, and tourism above and beyond its normal operating budget. Representatives from the Parks Foundation will be on hand during this event to register participants for upcoming fall classes and paddle trips, as well as to provide information about activities for Seniors and about the Youth Grant Program. For more information about the Parks Foundation, call (803) 329-5620.

### Free Cooking Class: Thai Food



On **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**, a Thai Food Cooking Class will be held at Earth Fare Market and Café. This class is the second in a series of Asian Cooking Classes that will be offered each month. Although there is no charge for these classes, space is limited, so please sign up in advance at the customer service desk. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.

## Earth Fare Discount for College Students and Faculty

From now through Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, all college students and faculty will receive 10% off purchases at Earth Fare with a valid college ID. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.



## Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Old Town Events!

- **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>: First Fridays in the Garden**  
A free class will be conducted by the York County Master Gardener Association from 10:00am to 11:00am. The topic for this class is Bugging Your Pests: Friendly Pest Management. Class will be held at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center, which is located at 825 Edgemont Avenue. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at (803) 684-9919 ext. 112.
- **Thursday through Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: Downtown Blues Festival**  
Blues artists from throughout the nation will be performing during the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Blues Festival. The festival will span three nights, with different artists performing each night in various Old Town venues. Venues include: The Center for the Arts, The Old Town Amphitheater, The Cookie Cafe', Old Town Bistro, McHale's Irish Pub, and Thi's Place on Main. For festival pricing, event schedule, and more detailed information, please visit the Arts Council of York County website: [www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)
- **Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>: Boo HaHa**  
Boo HaHa will be held the night before Halloween from 5:30pm to 8:00pm in Downtown Rock Hill. This year's event will include controlled trick-or-treating, a costume contest, hayrides, a haunted trail, food, and much more. A movie will also be shown in the Old Town Amphitheater.

## Suggestions for articles for Old Town News are welcome!

If your organization or business is located in Old Town (downtown Rock Hill or the 1 ½ -mile radius surrounding it) and you are planning any activities/events, please let us know. We will make every effort to highlight your events in Old Town News. If your organization or business is *not* located in Old Town, we would still be happy to highlight your events if they will be held in this area. If you would like to have a map of the Old Town boundaries, please send your request to the e-mail address below.

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